Funds to ICAR for Agricultural Research

1322. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council of Agricultural Research has sought more funds from Government for agricultural research and teaching;

(b) if so, the details of funds required and the reasons therefor;

(c) how far the shortage of funds has adversely affected agricultural production, State-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to release the necessary funds, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) For the Xth Year Plan (2002—07) the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have projected Rs. 15000 crore for agricultural research, extension and education and Rs. 1000 crore as Catch up Grant for renovation and modernization of National Agricultural Research System. For Annual Plan (2002-03) the corresponding financial projections are Rs. 1500 and Rs. 200 crore respectively. Hence the Department has been allocated Rs. 775 Crore for 2002-03. Keeping in view of the allocation made by Planning Commission, the Department would re-prioritize its schemes/ projects to address to the new emerging issues/ problems.

(c) the agricultural production, particularly of foodgrains is so far not adversely affected during the current year. The effect of the Xth Plan allocation of funds for research and the consequent effect on agricultural production will be evident only in the future.

(d) The DARE/ICAR being a research organisation, the funds are not allocated/distributed State-wise; rather funds are allocated on the basis of realistic requirement of various plan schemes located in various States.

Agricultural Production in U.P.

1323. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of centrally sponsored programmes formulated and being implemented by Government for Uttar Pradesh to increase agricultural production during the year 2001-2002;